

Richard Cooke – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Richard Cooke was the son of Josiah Cooke Jr. and his wife Deborah Hopkins and the grandson of Josiah Cooke. Richard was born in Eastham in 1672. He married Hannah and they had at least nine children according to Eastham records. Richard is an example of a third generation Eastham resident who received significant land grants.

1695

Granted to Richard Cooke about three acres of upland to set a house upon. The land was on the northerly side of Church's Brook and on the easterly side of ten acres of his father's land. PDF A248, M247, P72.

1711

Granted to Richard Cooke, Caleb Cooke, Josiah Cooke, John Doane and Joseph Harding the twenty-fourth lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot was on the southwestern most part of the island near the place called Bean Hole. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. Dimensions were not given in the record but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. PDF T90.

Granted to Richard Cooke and his heirs two parcels of land amounting to about six acres. Five acres were next to land of Thomas Mayo and land of Edward Knowles. One acre was near Thomas Doane's dwelling house. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T95.

Granted to Richard Cooke and his heirs about five acres on the southerly side of First Brook and next to land of Benjamin Snow. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T95.

Granted to Richard Cooke and his heirs two parcels of land. One parcel was about two acres on the northern side of Church's Brook. Another two acres were at the Mill Meadow. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T132.

1712

A committee chosen by the Town settled the bounds of land formerly granted to his Richard Cooke's grandfather and land of Richard Cooke near his dwelling house and barn and neat Church's Meadow Brook. Some of the land had become covered with sand. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and an old stump. PDF T132.

1715

Granted to Richard Cooke and his heirs land on the easterly side of the way from Stephen Atwood's towards Billingsgate. The lot ran north sixteen pole and due east to the Backside Sea. Most of these lots ran east about one mile to the sea which would make the lot about thirty-two acres. PDF T240.

Granted to Richard Cooke and his heirs about two and one-half acres to rectify a mistake relating to land he inherited from his father. The acres were added to his other inherited land. PDF T272.

Granted to Richard Cooke and his heirs three parcels of land. One parcel was about three acres on the northerly side of his house and next to the cartway running from John Brown's towards Mill Meadow. The land was near the beach and near Sandy Meadow. Another parcel of about four acres was next to his other land on the southerly side of Church's Brook. Another parcel was at Mill Meadow near his other land and near the beach. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about twenty-one acres. PDF T272.

The land owned by Richard Cooke and his heirs described in these records amounts to about eighty acres. By 1745 nine more Cookes received Eastham land grants.